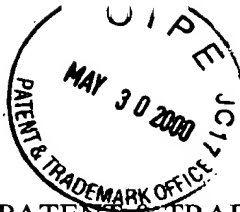


Docket No. 4292-0048-55



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

ALAN K. SMITH ET AL

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: EXAMINER: TUNG

SERIAL NO: 09/027,671

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FILED: FEBRUARY 23, 1998

: GROUP ART UNIT: 1644

FOR: HUMAN LINEAGE COMMITTED
CELL COMPOSITION WITH
ENHANCED PROLIFERATIVE
POTENTIAL, BIOLOGICAL
EFFECTOR FUNCTION, OR BOTH;
METHODS FOR OBTAINING SAME;
AND THEIR USES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 27, 2000, Applicants elect Group I
with traverse.

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are active in this application.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Tung for the helpful and courteous
discussion held with their representative in May 10, 2000. During the discussion, the
Restriction Requirement was discussed, with particular reference to the election of species
requirement.

The Office has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to Groups I, II and III as set
forth at page 2 of the Official Action dated January 27, 2000.